PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold a public hearing on a proposed revision to the Commonwealth of Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP). The hearing will be held in the Northern Virginia Regional Office of Virginia DEQ, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193, at 10:00 a.m. on October 6, 2006, to accept testimony concerning the proposed revision. Using the procedures explained below, the department will also accept written comments until 5:00 pm, October 7, 2006.

This notice is hereby given in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 51.102. The proposal will be submitted as a revision to the Commonwealth of Virginia SIP under § 110(a) of the federal Clean Air Act in accordance with 40 CFR 51.104.

The proposed revision is necessary to demonstrate that the Northern Virginia 8-hour moderate ozone nonattainment area meets the requirements of Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) set forth by the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). These jurisdictions are the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, the City of Fairfax, Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church, Loudoun County, the City of Manassas, the City of Manassas Park, and Prince William County. The CAA requires that states achieve the health-based 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by specified dates, based on the severity of an area's air quality problem. Furthermore, EPA's Final Rule to Implement the 8-hour Ozone NAAQS (70 FR 71612, November 29, 2005) states that areas classified as "moderate" nonattainment for ozone must submit a demonstration that their existing rules fulfill the 8-hour ozone RACT requirements. RACT is the lowest emission limit that a particular source is capable of meeting by the application of control technology that is reasonably available considering technological and economic feasibility.

All comments must be received by the department by 5:00 p.m., October 7, 2006 to be considered. It is preferred that all comments be provided in writing, along with any supporting documents or exhibits; however, oral comments will be accepted at the hearing. Comments may be submitted by mail, facsimile transmission, email, or by personal appearance at the hearing, and must be submitted to Doris A. McLeod, Air Quality Planner, Air Quality Planning Programs, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia (phone (804) 698-4197, fax (804) 698-4510, email damcleod@deg.virginia.gov). Comments by facsimile transmission will be accepted only if followed by receipt of the original within one week. Comments by email will be accepted only if the name, address, and phone number of the commenter are included. All testimony, exhibits and documents received are matters of public record. The proposal and any supporting documents subject to this public hearing may be examined by the public at (1) the DEQ Main Street Office, 8th Floor, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, (804) 698-4070 and (2) Northern Virginia Region Office of Virginia DEQ, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia (703) 583-3800, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. of each business day until the close of the public comment period. The documents may also be viewed at the following web site: http://www.deg.virginia.gov/air/permitting/planotes.html.